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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-001214 Request No. 1416780

Request No. 1410/80

MWH:EMY

VIA: Email

Dear Ms. Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records relating to or mentioning Paul Morasca. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search for records.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the FBI's action on your request. The FBI informed you that it could locate no responsive records subject to the FOIA in its files. I have determined that the FBI's action was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for such records.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison

for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

2/5/2019

Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals ...

Signed by: MATTHEW HURD